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CHAPTER 12

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Lily Angel

~Fragments of Truth~

When I was lost in the woods,
I met an angel whose beauty
bloomed like a lily.

And because of that flower,
I had an epiphany—

(Renowned author, George Baily)

KLEIN BELTA!!
Why do you think I did something?
That hurts—
slush
I COULD TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM!
WE FINALLY GOT TO OUR VACATION HOUSE, AND HE SAID HE WAS IN A GOOD MOOD...
mutter
He's trying to deny it, but he can't trick me!
mutter
W-what!?
grrr
"If it pleases you, will you stay and keep me company?"
...I said in your voice
!!
DU
H...
he was stroking my hair so earnestly, so I got up and talked to him.
It's not my fault you went off and took a nap!
I was just keeping him company
Ugh!
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU DID...

I'm the butler!!
HOW COULD YOU!?
THAT'S GOING TOO FAR FOR A JOKE...
bleh
You know you look like "Lilith", right?
SHUT UP! YOU IDIOT!
SLAM
crack
The old master's sweetheart!
So I thought
OOPS.
bump
YOU'RE RUSHING ABOUT.
HAVE YOU SEEN MY PIPE?
Ah! Sorry.
AH!
ATOP THE DESK IN THE LIBRARY...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAND?
There's blood
LET ME SEE IT...
No!
I'M FINE.
EXCUSE ME!!
stomp
Dash!!
...

haa
Composure, composure!
AH, I JUST RAN OFF WITHOUT THINKING IT THROUGH.
I'M A SORRY EXCUSE FOR A BUTLER.
* Leisure path among the villas
BUT WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT
THAT KID CAN COME OUT WHEN I'M UNCONSCIOUS.
AND LILITH, OF ALL THINGS ...
OF COURSE HE'D BE ANGRY.
What should I do?
AND FOR HIM TO SAY SUCH A THING TO MY MASTER...
Gah!
THIS IDIOT!!
PUNCH
OWWWW —!
Punched himself
Pow
I'm out..
Yoll
Eep!
HUH?
zoom
Ah!
HEY YOU!!

Wait!
THIS AREA IS DANGER-OUS...
rustle
NO WAY!
Yes way!
Nooo—
struggle
I CAUGHT YOU!!
...REALLY, WHAT A NUISANCE...
struggle
ME OR YOU!?
I KNOW, OKAY!?
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOVE THE MASTER, YOU'RE STUBBORN ABOUT IT!
WHO CARES THAT YOU LOOK LIKE LILITH!
...UH!
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE!!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
EVEN SO, WE'VE CAREFULLY BUILT UP THE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE NOW.
!
slip
struggle
struggle
Settle down now, geez—
Ugh!
JUST HOW DESPICABLE "LILITH" IS?
BOTH TO ME,
AND TO MY MASTER...

!!
flip
whoosh
push
CRAP ...!!
BY THE BLOOD OF THE DEMONS, HUMANS, AND LILITH—
Within me
PLEASE GO BACK!
!!
I can't save us in human form!
MASTER!! PLEASE PROTECT ME...
splash
haa
haa

George Baily
haa
I'm beat~
THIRSTY~
WATER~
I JUST WANTED TO GO AND HANG MYSELF.
But all the trees are too big..
MY LITERARY GENIUS HAS DRIED UP WITHOUT A SINGLE HIT NOVEL.
MY BUDDIES TURNED AGAINST ME AND I'VE GONE BANKRUPT.
Even my sweetheart ran off
trudge trudge trudge
MY LIFE IS MISERABLE...
I'VE NEVER HAD ONE GOOD THING.
Water~
sssss
What luck!
THE SOUND OF WATER... A RIVER!
Ah!
blub
HM?
why?
A BLACK CAT...
Of all things
flop
splash
twitch
OH, HE'S STILL ALIVE ...
drip
drip

I CAME HERE TO DIE...
WHAT AM I DOING?
HEY, DON'T DIE, YOU.
I'll take the ribbon off
Oh!
IT'S WET, IT COULD STRANGLE HIM.
HE'S STILL COLD ...
YOU HAVE AN OWNER WHO GAVE YOU THAT RIBBON, RIGHT?
A BLACK CAT... BEING ABLE TO SAVE A CREATURE AS MY LAST ACT,
I GUESS IT'S SOMETHING OF A BLESSING.
YAWN
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZZ

!!!!
!!??
!!!
DAZED
rustle
.....

freundlich lächeln
Beautiful Smile
Smile
It's not a dream
Owwwww!
pinch
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? THAT CAT...
And no clothes
NO, WELL... YOU...
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
...
H-
HOW CUTE!!!
H-
Heven!?
flustered
HUH ...?
A LILY?
raise
GOD SENT HIM TO ME...!
AN ANGEL ...
NO, IT'S REALLY AN ANGEL!!
But without wings... and not acting like one
I'm so glad I'm alive!!

YOU WANT THAT FLOWER?
smile
I'LL GO GET SOME FOR YOU!!
DO YOU LIKE FLOWERS?
Ah!
WAIT RIGHT HERE!
...
zoom
swish
Dash!!
Phew!
That's what you get from Lilith ♡
MEN ARE SO EASY.
IF IT WERE THAT BELTA, HE COULDN'T HAVE PULLED IT OFF.
He'd have gotten all nervous and messed up!
BUT I WASN'T EXPECTING THAT!
IF THE RIBBON'S REMOVED WHILE WE'RE A CAT, OUR CLOTHES DISAPPEAR TOO!
Well, now I know! ⑥
HE ISN'T BACK YET...
MAYBE I REALLY SHOULD GO SEE MY MASTER.

Punctual
Goal
Perfect Butler
BUT IF I HAVE TO DO THAT...
Absolutely no way.
ALL THAT GUY DOES IS WORK...
—HE'S LATE.
...IF HE DOESN'T COME BACK,
I CAN STAY "OUTSIDE" LIKE THIS FOREVER.
That idiot
I'M FINALLY BEAUTIFUL. HE SHOULD USE THIS...
HE'S LATE...
WE FELL BECAUSE HE WAS PROTECTING ME?
COULDN'T BE...
MY PLACE IS ONLY
INSIDE OF YOU.
—HURRY AND GET BACK HERE.
THE MASTER WILL COME TO HATE ME AS "BELTA".
SINCE I TAKE AFTER LILITH...

Entschuldigen Sie, bitte.
...
HUH?
I WENT TO THE WOODS... AND THAT KID CAME OUT,
AND I FELL FROM A CLIFF...
AND THEN WHAT?
WHEN DID I GET BACK TO MY ROOM ...?
jump
!
tick tick tick
...
ME TOO.
— Entshuldigen —
Sie, bitte
(SORRY.)
Huh?
My ribbon's gone.
And my clothes are different?

—AFTER THAT, GEORGE BAILY (THE UNDISCOVERED NOVELIST)
I'm serious.
EARNESTLY RESEARCHED ANGELS AND WROTE ABOUT THEM...
EVERYONE, LISTEN UP! I MET AN ANGEL IN THE FOREST!!
NO! I REALLY DID...
HUH. WHICH BAR WAITRESS WAS IT THIS TIME?
George
HOW SAD...
WELL, HAVE A DRINK.
You've got flowers in your hair.
ELSEWHERE...
Jorge
Heeey!!
Hey, been a while
BAILEY'S ANGEL NOVEL BORE THE EMBLEM OF A LILY. IT HAD WIDE APPEAL AND CAUGHT FIRE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA. SOON ENOUGH IT BECAME A WORLD-WIDE BEST SELLER.
IF TO MEET AN ANGEL IS TO BRING SOMEONE HAPPINESS, THEN THAT MAN SURELY MET AN ANGEL THAT DAY.
EVEN IF THE TRUTH IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT...
NO MATTER HOW BORED YOU ARE,
WHAT DO YOU THINK READING SUCH TRASHY BOOKS WILL DO TO YOU?
You're smoking more...
YOU JEST.
How odd.
IT SEEMS THESE DAYS IT'S ALL THE RAGE FOR ANGELS TO HAVE RED HAIR.
IT WOULD RATHER SUIT YOU, BELTA.

LILY ANGEL / END